



BUDGET UPDATE

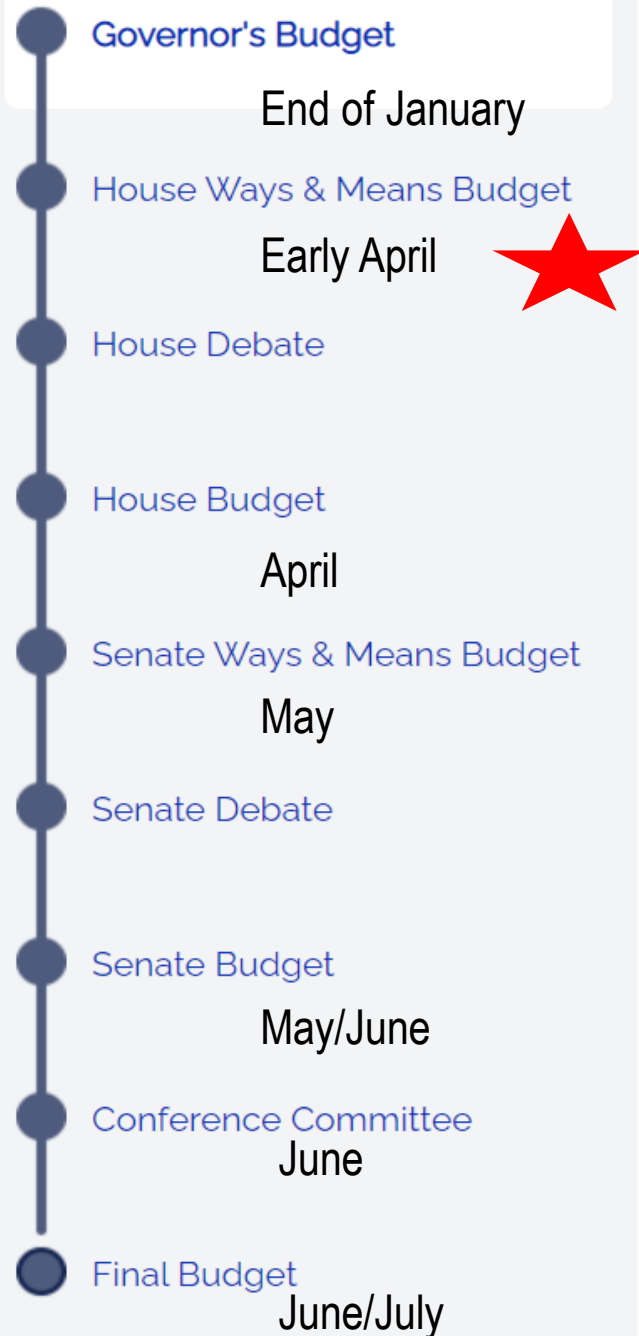
FY21-22

April 7, 2021

AGENDA

- External budget timeline
- Internal budget timeline
- Summary of FY22 Revenue Sources
- State Aid (impacted by Student Opportunity Act)
- Grants (ESSA & ESSER)
- School Based Budget Process
- Next Steps

External Budget Timeline



About this step

The annual budget process begins each year when the Governor files recommendations as a bill with the House of Representatives. Under the state Constitution, the Governor must submit a proposal by the 4th Wednesday of January or, in the event of a new term, within five weeks later. This bill is called House 1 or "House 2" depending on the year.

Since the state budget process does not end until the summer, we must build our budget using the Governor's budget. **WE CAN'T WAIT!!!**

Internal Budget Timeline

Finance	January 20th	Done	SC: Update on Budget Process					
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Finance	February 3rd	Done	SC: Update on SBB Pool, Weights, FSF Update for FY21/22, Governor's initial budget					
Finance	February 3rd	Done	SC: Update on FY20/21 Budget with suggested adjustment priority areas					
Finance	February 17th	Done	Develop baseline rules, guardrails, school allocations, fsf pool, workbooks					
Finance	March 5th	Done	Principals: send their funding summary and workbooks to them					
Finance	March 8th-March 19th	Done	Principals: Budget drop ins with CFO					
Finance	March 20th - April 2nd	Done	Principals: Budget Defense					
Finance	April 7th		SC: Budget Update with tentative summary of school additions					
Finance	April 12-17th		Upload individual school budgets to their websites					
Finance	April 21st		SC: Share all schools' funding source pages with school committee					
Finance	May 5th		SC: Budget FY21/22 Budget Presentation					
Finance	TBD		SC: Budget Public Hearing					
Finance	TBD		SC: Budget Public Hearing					
Finance	May 19th		SC: Budget Adoption					



We have funds coming in from different pools or revenue sources. Though we have significant funds flowing in, we have just as many needs AND have to abide by the guidelines/restrictions for spending with categorical grants. Also, any spending plans must take into consideration that two of the three sources are temporary.



Summary of Revenue Sources for FY21/22

1. FY21/22 Chapter 70 - General Fund/Local Fund dollars (Increased \$10.3 million to \$177 million Chapter 70 due to **Student Opportunity Act**)

2. Grants

FY21-23 **ESSER II Funds** (\$17.8 million over two years)

FY21-23 (tentative dates) **ESSER III Funds**

FY21-22 ESSA (Title grants)

Chapter 70 State Aid

Impacted by Student Opportunity Act

Submitted as House 1, this budget recommendation provides \$246.3 million in new funding for the Student Opportunity Act including an increase of \$197.7 million in Chapter 70 funding, with a particular focus on school districts serving low-income students.

Student Opportunity Act

- ***Our per pupil rate increased from \$13,377/student to \$14,421/student which is an extra \$1,044/student.***
- ***\$440/student increase for special ed in district costs***
- ***\$1,429/student increase for special ed tuitioned out costs***
- ***\$83/student increase for ELL students (decreased by 99 kids)***
- ***\$557/student increase for low income in addition to a 950 student jump in this category***

FY22 Chapter 70 Summary

160 Lowell

Aid Calculation FY22

Comparison to FY21

			FY21	FY22	Change	Pct Chg	
Prior Year Aid		Enrollment	16,352	16,047	-305	-1.87%	
1 Chapter 70 FY21	166,954,483	Foundation budget	218,744,160	231,415,707	12,671,547	5.79%	Both Ch 70 increase and City increase
		Required district contribution	51,808,768	54,090,653	2,281,885	4.40%	
		Chapter 70 aid	166,954,483	177,325,054	10,370,571	6.21%	
Foundation Aid		Required net school spending (NSS)	218,763,251	231,415,707	12,652,456	5.78%	
2 Foundation budget FY22	231,415,707						
3 Required district contribution FY22	54,090,653						
4 Foundation aid (2 -3)	177,325,054	Target aid share	73.90%	74.08%			
5 Increase over FY21 (4 - 1)	10,370,571	C70 % of foundation	76.32%	76.63%			

Minimum Aid

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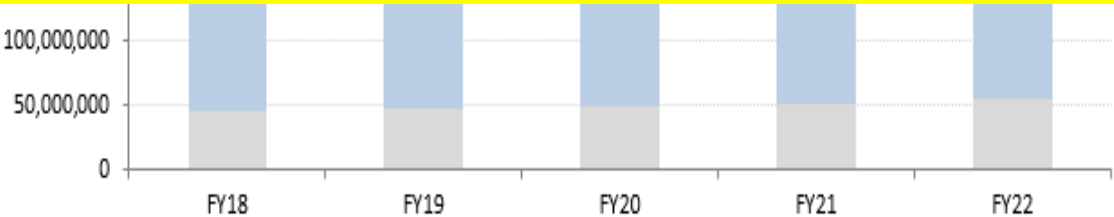
Subtotal

8 Sum of 1,5,7

Minimum Aid Adjustment

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Chapter 70 increased barely enough to cover our automatic annual increases due to contractual increases. We lost over \$4 million dollars due to an enrollment decrease which is assumed to be due to COVID. These 305 students will most likely return when in person schooling resumes and we will be expected to fund them despite the loss in revenue.



Chapter 70 Examples of Priorities

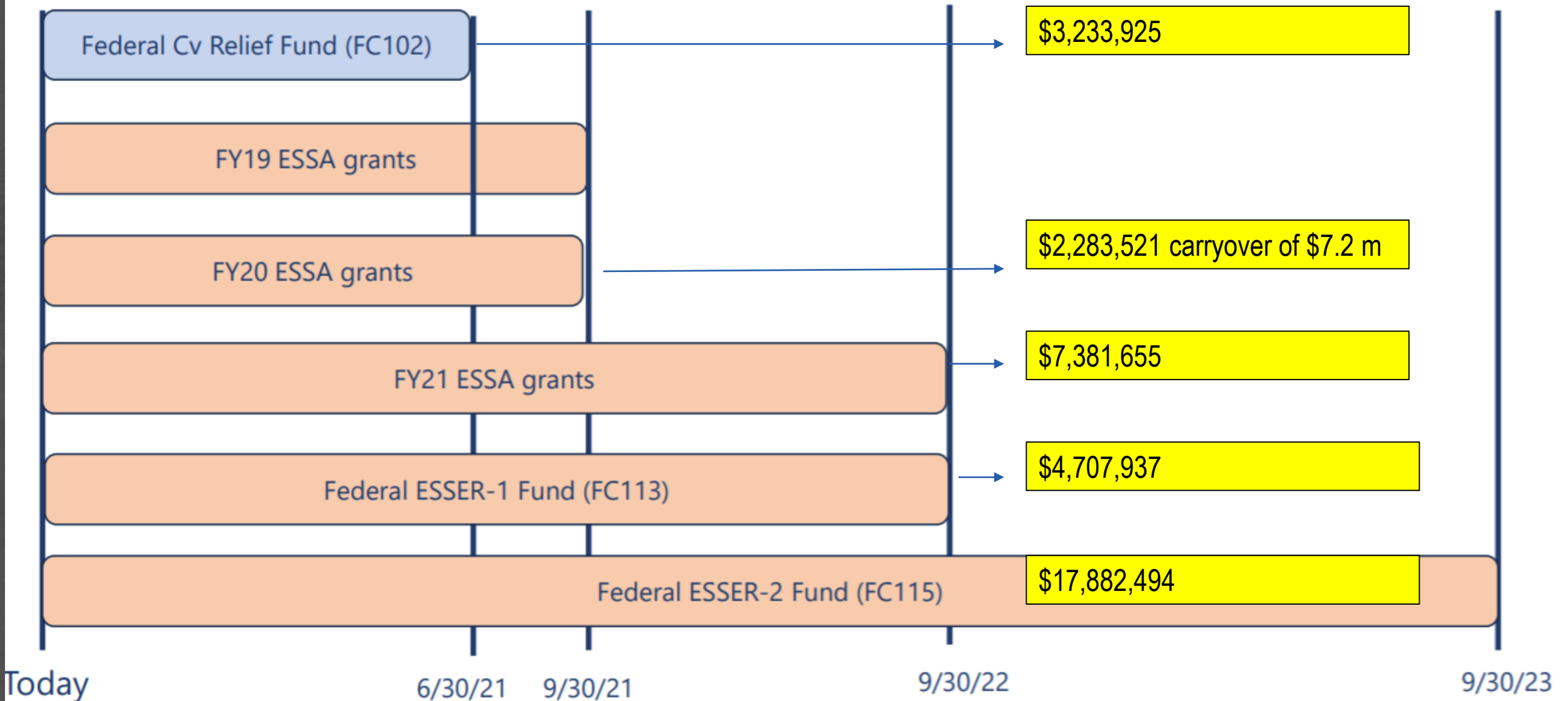
- Contractual Step increases \$ 2 m
- Replenish Supplies & Texts \$ 500k
- Translation Services \$250k
- Health Acct (restore) \$4.1 m
- Health Insurance increase \$1 m
- Out of District Tuition (restore) \$1.6 m



The \$10 million increase doesn't go far after we account for contractual and fixed cost increases!!!

Grants: ESSA & ESSER funds

Available Funding – Sequencing (First to Expire, First Spent!)



This table shows estimates of the amount school districts will receive from the \$54.3 billion elementary school emergency relief fund (HR 133). Each state must allocate no less than 90% to districts. The numbers are by September 2022. These numbers are based on the USED's preliminary FY20 Title I allocations that DOES NOT take out 1% for state admin nor 7% for SIG. The district's relative share is for charter schools or non-traditional LEAs, so the "LEA est. ESSER" amount will likely be different. Remember the saying: "all models are wrong. Some are useful." (Updated 1/2022)

2 YEAR GRANT

State: **2 YEAR GRANT**

District Search:

	DIST_NAME	FY-17*	LEA Est. ESSER	Estimate per-pupil amount
		17,300	20,755,258	\$1,200
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CATEGORICAL GRANT (e.g., Title I) – WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE RULES ON SPENDING





ESSER II

(\$32,400,000 of eligible, prioritized resource needs to support teaching and learning across the district OVER TWO YEARS are currently under review)

We have nearly \$60 million in additional needs due to the learning loss caused by COVID. The \$17.9 million will be used to offset this.



Extended learning time (\$23,400,000 over two years)

- Extended calendar for all schools
- Extended day at Renaissance schools
- Expanded after school program districtwide
- Expanded summer school program districtwide
- Redesigned early release days districtwide

School-based interventions (\$5,500,000 over 2 years)

- Increased school-based pool for school-based programming and supplemental support staff
- External partnership to support students and teachers within the Renaissance network

Professional Development for staff (\$2,500,000 over 2 years)

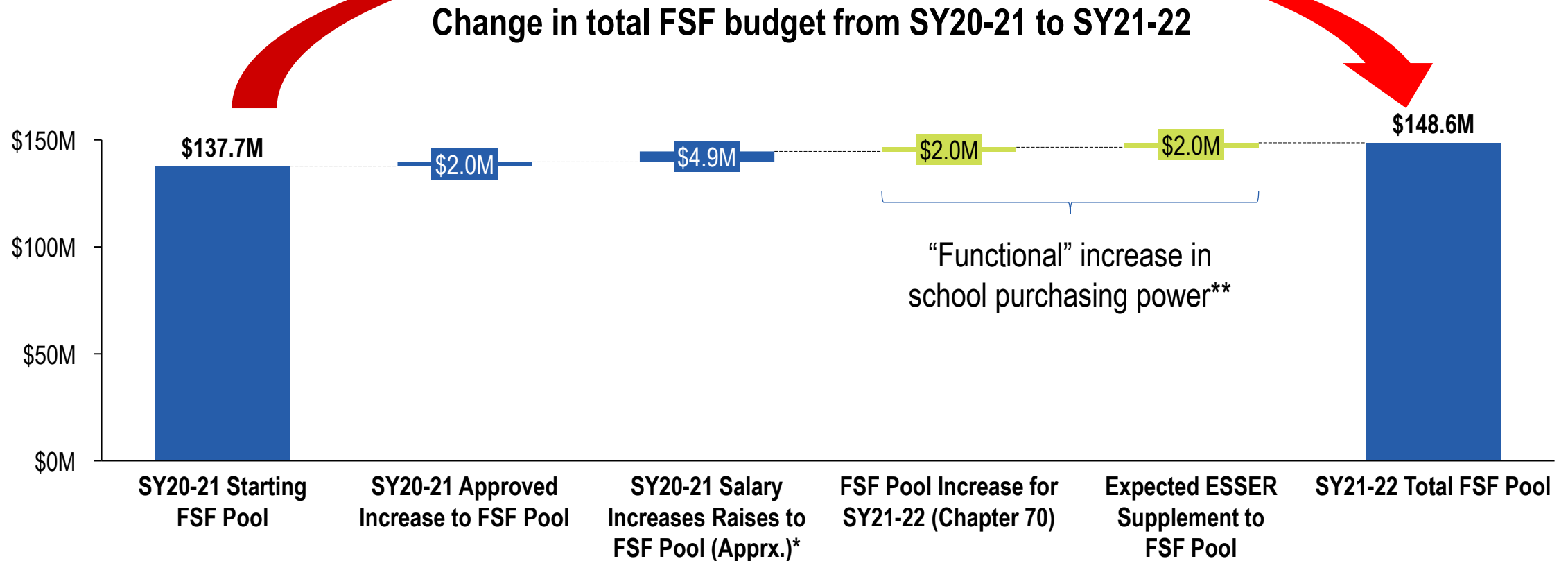
- Additional professional development days prior to the start of the school year for collaborative planning, program set-up and school readiness

Districtwide support for schools (\$1,000,000 over 2 years)

- Technology support districtwide
- Data support districtwide
- Targeted instructional coaching for Renaissance Schools

School Based Budget Process

The **FSF pool** of dollars will increase by ~\$4M in “real” terms from SY20-21 to SY21-22

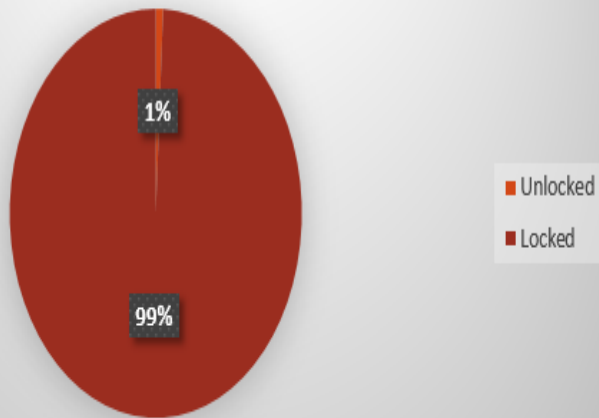


*Salary increases represented approximately 3.5% of school budget increases

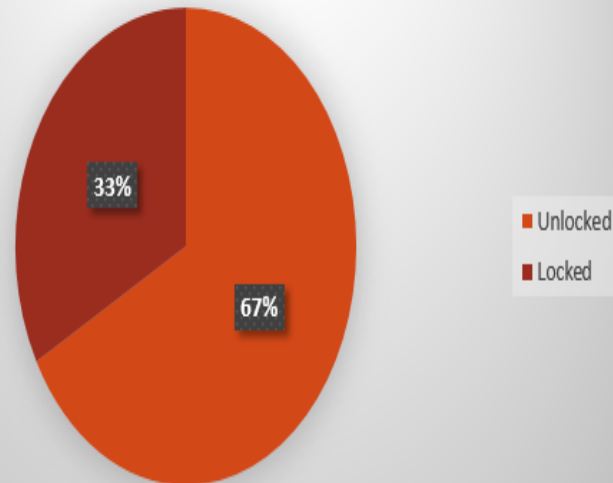
** SY21-22 Total FSF pool does not include increases to salaries expected in SY21-22. Funds to cover those increases are held centrally.

Empowering and Investing in Schools

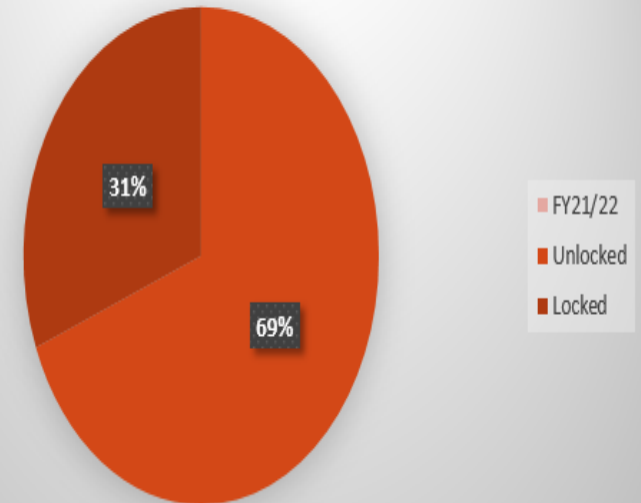
FY19/20 Locked vs. Unlocked



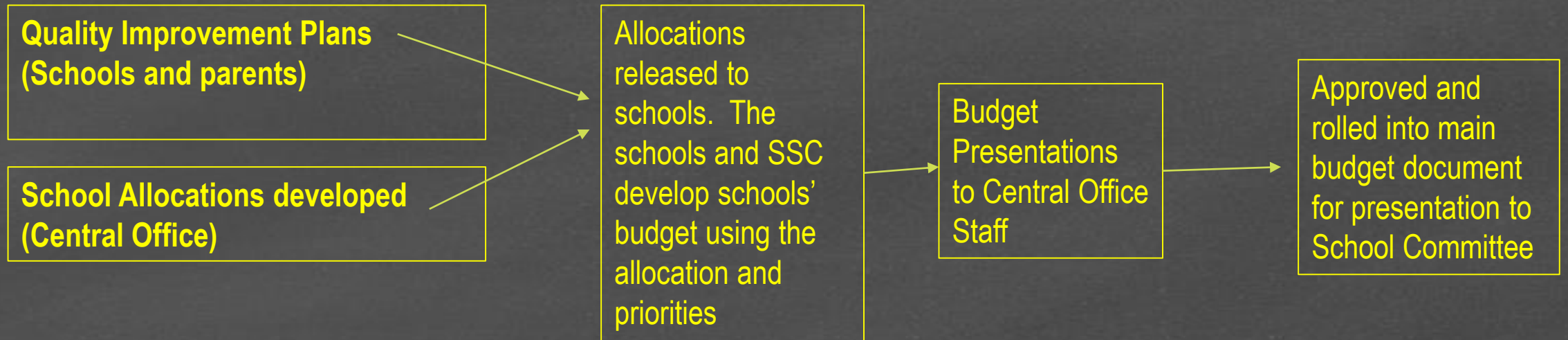
FY20/21 Locked vs. Unlocked



FY21/22 Locked vs. Unlocked



Budget Process



School Year 21-22 Budget

Category	Student Weight	Amount
<i>FSF Weights</i>		
All students	549	\$5,300
Economically disadvantaged	354	\$1,855
Homeless	26	\$1,060
Low incoming performance	30	\$1,060
Grades PreK-3	0	\$1,855
Grade 9	0	\$4,000
ELL below Level 3	30	\$3,000
ELL Level 3 and above	54	\$1,500
SWD substantially separated	15	\$23,000
SWD inclusion/language	106	\$6,500
<i>FSF Baseline</i>		
ELL Baseline		\$0
SWD Baseline		\$0
General Ed Baseline		\$0
<i>Other FSF Policies</i>		
Transition amount		\$196,941
Budget Exceptions		\$0
<i>FSF Total</i>		
		\$5,028,020
<i>Funding from outside FSF</i>		
Title I	\$	198,425
Other positions provided outside of FSF	\$	148,549
ESSER II Supplement	\$	67,679
Total funding		
		\$5,442,673

Comparison to previous year budget

Year	SY20-21*	SY21-22	Projected Change
Enrollment	571	549	-22
FSF Budget	\$5,028,020	\$5,028,020	\$0
Other Funding	\$346,974	\$414,653	\$67,679
Total Budget	\$5,374,993	\$5,442,673	\$67,679
\$ per pupil	\$9,413	\$9,914	\$500

Note: Total budget above is not exhaustive. E.g., excludes psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, ELL and STEM lead stipends, 504 & 1-to-1 paraprofessionals
**Prior year adjusted to reflect salary increases occurred in SY20-21*

**RELEASE TO
SCHOOLS AND SSC**



School Site Council Technical Assistance and Support Timeline

January

- Assessment of current school site councils at each school
- Recruitment of candidates for open seats on site councils

February

- Finalization of school site councils for remainder of 2021-22 school year
- Updating of school site council information on school websites
- Leadership training on Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) process
 - Development of School Plans and Priorities
 - Review of Data
 - Identification of achievement and opportunity gaps

March

- School budget preliminary allocations
- Central office budget support drop-in sessions
- School stakeholder outreach and input

April

- District-wide Budget Summit for Staff and Family/Community Partners
- Central Office Budget Support Drop In Sessions for School Site Councils
- Final budget decisions & school site council sign off of school budget

May

- School site council and budget process debrief session
- Preparation for 2022-23 school site council improvement

Summary of Requested Additions by Schools with the \$4 million increase to SBB pool

5	Social Workers		\$117,049.00		\$585,245.00	
13	Teachers		\$97,954.00		\$1,273,402.00	
4	1 to 1 paras		\$38,924.00		\$155,696.00	
6	ELL paras		\$38,924.00		\$233,544.00	
12	mainstream paras		\$38,924.00		\$467,088.00	
1	Instructional Specialist		\$127,119.00		\$127,119.00	
34	Tutors		\$18,900.00		\$642,600.00	
14.5	SEL Tutors		\$18,900.00		\$274,050.00	
1	Associate Head of School - LHS		\$158,916.00		\$158,916.00	
1	Data Analyst		\$85,000.00		\$85,000.00	
					\$4,002,660.00	
Note: These amounts include salary plus benefits						

NEXT STEPS

- Budget Defenses (DONE)
- Upload to school websites
- Share funding source pages with School Committee
- School budgets fed into main budget
- Balance the budget after state releases budget figures
- Present the budget to School Committee
- Hold public hearings for further input
- SC votes on the budget
- Budget submitted to the City
- City Council votes on the Budget